

# ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE CORPORATION ASSOCIATION



## **Alaska Native Village Corporations**

In 1971 Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). This piece of legislation, unique to Alaska, granted title to 44 million acres of land. The act also set up 13 Regional Corporations and more than 200 Village Corporations. ANCSA additionally included financial for compensation to Alaska Natives for their land.

## **Alaska Native Village Corporation Association**

The Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) is a non-profit organization serving Village Corporation. ANVCA was formed for the following:

- To provide services that will improve the efficiency, profitability and stability to its member corporations;
- To advocate for policies that will benefit and protect the interest of Alaska Native Village Corporations with local, state and Federal governments;
- To provide an officially recognized voice for the interests of Alaska Native Village Corporations;
- To provide a network of mutual support and technical assistance that will enhance the success of all Alaska Native Village Corporations and their shareholders;
- To promote responsible resource management and developmental policies;
- To encourage a mutually respectful and cooperative relationship with Alaska Native Regional Corporations, tribal entities and other businesses for the overall benefit of Native peoples; and
- To promote a positive image of our corporations with our shareholders, Native children and the general public.

## **ANVCA Mission**

ANVCA serves as an advocate for Alaska Native Village Corporations while promoting their individual success, efficiency and stability.

### Opportunities for Village Corporations

Below are some of the more significant economic advantages of a functioning Village Corporation:

- ANCSA section 7 Village Corporations are eligible to receive funds from revenue collected via the Regional Corporations annually
- Participation in the Federal SBA 8(a) government contracting program
- Surface ownership of land conveyed through ANCSA
- In some instances Village Corporations receive consultation from the federal government equivalent to Tribes